

SGRA Minutes of meeting

Held Monday 1st March 2010
At 7pm in the Brandling Villa

Apologies

Peter Leggott, Sonia Bradley, Hazel Spicer. Eleanor Dinnis.

People Present

Norma Shannon, Sheila Park, Jerry Ruddick, Paul Spicer, Gordon Robinson, Irene Matthewson, Martin Sharman.

Minutes of previous Meeting

Agreed as a true record

Planning Application (Licensing)

Jerry advised the meeting that there was an application in for a variation of the renewal of the alcohol licence for what was Bedis. Jerry was asked by the Council if there were any objections to the application. As this was already in place as a transfer of the licence from the previous occupants then it was felt that there very little ground that could be objected on, also there were only a few days to make representations.

The meeting was informed that the recently closed Bookmakers shop (Chisholm's) applied for a drinks licence in December 2009 which was granted. On making further enquiries the Residents Association were not aware of this until it was too late to discuss the application, it was a surprise that there had been no objections to the application.

As a result of these concerns are expressed at the communications procedures in relation to licensing applications in the way that they are advertised to the public.

(This will be brought up at the Ward Meeting.)

As the licence to the recently closed Threshers can be handed on to new tenants taking over the lease, we could end up with at least three alcohol shops on Station Road.

Newsletter

It was decided to aim for July as a potential date for the production/delivery of a summer newsletter. Contributors please contact Jerry.

Dropped kerb on South Gosforth Green

Finally after been informed in 2007 that Your Homes Newcastle would get the kerb installed, this has now been completed, and Jerry sent an email to the Manager of YHN to say thanks from the SGRA. Although some residents feel that the kerb has not been lowered enough we will bring up this concern with YHN.

Suggested planter for the SGRA

Jerry has been trying to get an estimate from Henderson's of Acomb for the cost of a large planter container, position to be determined. We would be able to get a one meter square planter for £130.00. After some discussion the planter is not required now,

We also hope that the Council will return all boxes that were taken away at the end of 2009, filled of course with their summer plantings. This has been requested several times at the Ward Meetings.

Turning circle at the top of Ridgewood Gardens

With regard to the tree to be felled in Ridgewood Crescent (due to old age) a representative from the Highways Engineers would like to send a letter to residents on Ridgewood Crescent area advising them that the tree will need to be removed in order for the highways Improvement work to be completed.

A decision about the replacement tree would not need to be made immediately. The engineers would like to send the letter and include

a note to say that the local Residents' group are making suggestions for the location of a new tree. We would then be able to discuss the location of the new tree at a future date.

Fence outside the Tenerife Buildings Car park.

The damaged fence at the front of Tenerife buildings car park has been reported to the management, we hope that repairs are carried out soon. The overhanging branches on the side footpath noted last month have now been cut back. (Thanks)

Financial update

We have since 1st January 2009 had £737 spent through the web shop account, as a result of this means that in the pending account we have the sum of £49.98 to be paid to us, the present bank balance is £294.90.

AOB

It was decided to put an "advert" for the SGRA into the notice box on Station Road urgently.

Martin Sharman asked what the views of local people were in regard to the proposed changes to the South Gosforth Roundabout.

Paul Spicer was concerned that there was still no warning notice of traffic lights on Church road approaching the bend/ Lights, and considered the situation dangerous. We will again bring this up at the next Ward meeting.

The pedestrian crossing at the middle of Station Road is not making the bleeping sound when the lights are on red (**Action Point**)

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 6th April 2010 at the Brandling.